

REMARKS

Claims 15-21 are pending. Claims 18-21, indicated as allowable, have been amended to improve their form, without narrowing their scope. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 15, 18 and 21 are the only independent claims.

The drawings were objected to in the Office Action. A fresh set of drawing sheets are submitted herewith that reflect the changes required in the Office Action. In particular, Figure 7 has been amended to add a reference numeral for the Buffer Memory and to show a connection between Control 539 and the Buffer Memory, as described in the specification. No new matter has been added. Figure 7 has been marked "REPLACEMENT SHEET" because a change was made to that drawing sheet. An annotated sheet showing the changes to Figure 7 in red is also enclosed.

None of the April 13, 2004, May 11, 2004 or November 16, 2004 Office Actions included the initialed PTO-1449 form corresponding to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 5, 2001. The Examiner is yet again requested to send the initialed form with the next Office Action. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, including the PTO-1449, was enclosed with the previous response but is again included as a courtesy to the Examiner.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 15-21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome minor informalities. The latter claims have been so rewritten, except that the method claims were not amended to recite "comprising the steps of," as suggested in the Office Action. There is no requirement that a method claim transition mention "steps." Instead, the transitional phrase in the method claims has been changed to "said method comprising." Also, the recitation of the "conjugate complex multiplier" in claim 19 has been broadened somewhat to make it more clear, although not in the manner

suggested in the Office Action. Claims 15-21 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Cancellation of claims 1-14 renders the rejections of those claims moot. This Amendment After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawing sheets currently on file with the formal drawings sheets submitted herewith. The only change is to Figure 7, which has "REPLACEMENT SHEET" in the upper margin. In addition, an ANNOTATED SHEET for Figure 7 is submitted herewith that shows the changes made to Figure 7.

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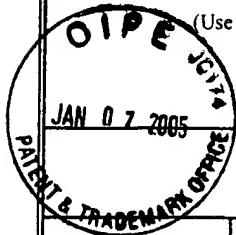
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Fig. 7

